

SCS HB 186 -- COUNTY OFFICERS

This bill changes the laws regarding county officers. In its main provisions, the bill:

(1) Prohibits a person from being elected or appointed the clerk of a county commission unless he or she has resided within the county for one year prior to his or her election instead of the current six-month residency requirement; and

(2) Requires a candidate for county recorder where the offices of the court clerk and recorder of deeds are separate, except in the City of St. Louis or a charter county, to be at least 21 years of age, a registered voter, and a resident of the state and county in which he or she is a candidate for at least one year prior to the general election. If elected, the recorder must continue to be a resident of the county during his or her term of office. In the event of a vacancy in the office due to a resignation or death, the county commission must appoint a deputy recorder or a qualified person to serve as an interim recorder of deeds until the Governor appoints someone to fill the vacancy.